



RELIGIOUS WORLD.



God Loveth All.

Unto every man and nation
God will ever extend His hand,
Loving, under all conditions,
Those obeying His command.
Neither rich nor poor are favored,
Only for their love to God,
Earning thus the Master's favor,
Treading paths where He has trod.

Those who love and will obey Him
He will never once forsake,
But within their souls be dwelling,
Inner conscience to awake.
He will teach them life's great lessons
That bring peace unto the heart,
And the happiness of spirit
Never will from them depart.

Though the home be low and humble,
God will find a dwelling there,
If He finds the heart is waiting
And is filled with earnest prayer.
Asking Him to come be with them
And to teach them what is right,
He will quickly hasten thither,
Shedding round about His light.

Oh, the blessed, blessed promise
That He never will forsake,
And if we will love and trust Him
Care of us He'll always take.
Then, why should we wander from Him
Into worldly ways of sin,
That we must, ere reaching heaven,
Have a change of heart begin?

—Philadelphia Ledger.

How to Know Our Personal Duty.

If we want to do right, we may be sure that God is ready to help us know what is right and ready to help us do it when we know what it is. It is at such a time that "thine ear shall hear a word behind thee saying, This is the way, walk ye in it; when ye turn to the right hand and when ye turn to the left." Then is that "if any of you lacketh wisdom let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting." God is pledged to this help. Both Old Testament and New Testament declare this. The only point in doubt is not God's willingness, but our need and faith. Why should that point be in question?—Sunday School Times.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Oct. 27.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Bible reading. "I will make it the rule of my life to read the Bible every day."—II Tim. iii, 1-17.

The Christian Endeavor movement has done nothing more worthy of lasting praise than its work in reference to the Bible. It has revolutionized Bible reading with many who were Christians before they became Christian Endeavorers. It has caused the Bible to become most precious to many who scarcely ever looked at it before they pledged themselves to read it every day. This clause of the pledge has resulted in no end of good, and even after 20 years too much emphasis cannot be placed upon it. It has resulted in a tremendous impetus being given to daily Bible reading, and this was and is much to be desired.

The importance and necessity of daily Bible reading should scarcely need to be impressed upon Christian people, and yet, sad to say, it does need to be. The Bible is not read daily as it ought to be. Daily Bible reading is even more neglected than daily prayer. In infancy and childhood we are taught to pray unto God daily, and that habit is seldom ever given up, even though we may wander far away from God. But how few children are taught to read the Bible daily! Alas, how few Christian parents read the Bible daily themselves! Yet what better inheritance could we give our children than the habit of daily communion with God through His word? Timothy had been trained in the word of God from childhood, and when he became a man he continued in the things which he had heard, which made him wise unto salvation. So should all God's children be taught, and so should they continue when they have come to manhood and womanhood.

Daily Bible reading is commended in the Scriptures and the blessings of it emphasized. In Num. vi, 6-9, the people of God are practically enjoined

to constantly be in touch with His word, to teach it diligently, to make it the subject of conversation and of thought at home and abroad, in lying down and in rising up. Everywhere and always necessarily include each day. The psalmist says of the blessed man that "his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night." Paul declares that the Bereans were more noble than the Thessalonians "in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily whether these things were so."

How can we neglect daily Bible reading? The Bible is the inspired, infallible word of God. It presents to us Jesus Christ, the bread and water of our spiritual lives. It is "the sword of the Spirit," by which alone we can overcome the temptations that daily and hourly come to us. We need it every day. It will help us every day. It makes us "wise unto salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus." It is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

THE PRAYER MEETING.

Have a testimony meeting in which each one testifies as to the helpfulness of daily Bible reading.

BIBLE READINGS.

Deut. vi, 6-9; Ps. i, 1, 2; xix, 7, 8; cxix, 97-112; Isa. xxxiv, 16; Luke iv, 16-21; xxiv, 13-27; John v, 39; Acts, xvii, 10, 11; Eph. vi, 17; Heb. iv, 12.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Ending Oct. 27, "Habit of Daily Bible Reading." Text, Acts xvii, 10-12.

"Searched the Scriptures daily whether these things were so."

The example of the people of Berea is worthy of imitation.

They had a desire to know religious truth and were open to receive new impulses and enlightenment. Paul and Silas told them that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah expected of the Jews and predicted in their sacred books. It was a startling announcement. It needed careful investigation. They entered upon it earnestly; they kept it up persistently and conducted it intelli-

gently. Daily they searched the writings of their holy religion to find if Jesus was the Christ. No other course was so sure to yield the desired knowledge and bring decision.

The same thing is true today. No other course will so greatly aid in development of Christian character and activity as daily searching of the Bible.

What is the most helpful way to use the Bible?

No one method is sufficient. Each one of several should be used at different times, as occasion requires.

First.—We need it as an aid to devotion. The rush of business, home cares and social duties crowd religious thoughts and exercises too much from the mind. But healthy soul life is as needful as sound bodies and minds. We must have food for thought, affection and devoted determination. Some time reserved each day for Bible feeding is needful to every growing Christian. Read carefully those parts which cultivate a spirit of loving obedience, trustfulness and loyalty to Christ and the Father.

Second.—We need it as a guide in practical duties of life. For this end we sweep a wider circle in reading. Precept, example, exhortation, confession, history, law, epistle—all are aids in this matter.

Most people are impatient of criticism, though their actions and words may seem to their friends so clearly lacking in elements of Christian consistency. If such will read the Bible faithfully, they will find the mirror held up to their own lives and will recognize the imperfections others see, but which have never before been realized by their owners. No correction and no teacher is as faithful, impartial, patient and persistent as this Bible studied under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Third.—We should also read the Bible for its history, literature and biography. The most thorough students are most deeply impressed by its value. Modern scholarship has opened new fields in the search of fascinating interest. Some of their conjectures are startling, but the outcome of all investigation has been to establish on firmer foundation than ever before the fact that these writings are valuable above all others the world has for religion.

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